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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Diaunte Shields, 27, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, was sentenced to 290 months in federal prison yesterday by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. Shields pleaded guilty to the charge on May 11, 2007.

Shields was arrested on September 19, 2006 traveling in a vehicle with a large quantity of crack cocaine. Shields was on probation at the time of the offense, and has two prior La Crosse County felony drug convictions.

The charges against Shields were the result of an investigation conducted by the La Crosse Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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